

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
PRISON LIAISON/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, July 17, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
Downstairs Town Hall Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Chairman Raymond LaFlamme at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Warden Carol Chapdelaine (Osborn CI), Charles Colby, Tom Clark, Lincoln Pease, Raymond LaFlamme, Marie Leonard, Ned Lynch, Warden Ed Maldonado (Northern CI), Robert Minch, Warden John Tarascio (Willard /Cybulski CI).

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jerry Young, District Administrator Angel Quiroz.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting as amended was passed. (Minch/Colby)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chairman LaFlamme attended the Department of Correction's May 15<sup>th</sup> open house at the Cybulski facility. He reported that the tour was informative and very well conducted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A question about whether the Osborn facility had a maximum inmate population was answered by Warden Chapdelaine. She responded that Osborn does not have a maximum inmate population.
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**Review of Significant Incidents or Policy Changes in Prisons:**

- **Osborn CI:** Warden Chapdelaine reported that the first phase of the asbestos abatement at the Osborne facility has been completed. The abatement effort has continued in other areas of Osborn.
- **Northern CI:** Warden Maldonado reported that the Northern facility has opened two units to accommodate 166 inmates and alleviate rising inmate populations at other facilities in the state. The two recently opened units will house level four inmates from Connecticut.
- **Willard/Cybulski CI:** Warden John Tarascio reported that an inmate detail was recently used to clean the Somers public schools, paint the resident trooper's barracks and fix grave stones in the cemetery. The Town of Somers has had inmate details in the past, but Jim Jenkins from Somers, who was in charge of said details, has retired.

**BED COUNT:**

Facility	Bed Count	Increase/Decrease	Maximum Capacity
Willard / Cybulski CI	1150	-10	1080
Northern CI	247	+166	586
Osborn CI	1990	-67	None set
TOTALS	3387	+89	

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:** Somers Fire Chief Gary Schiessl had an issue with how a decision is made when the Somers EMS responders and the DOC medical staff are not in agreement as to where a patient from the DOC is to be transported in the case of a medical emergency. On occasion, the DOC medical staff has predetermined that a patient was to be transported to Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. Dempsey is a state owned hospital and would be less expensive to the state than a private hospital. Chief Schiessl stated that the town's EMS responders do not transport to Dempsey, as it is too far and would leave the town's citizens with less than optimum coverage. The three wardens will bring the issue back to be discussed with their medical staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:55. (Colby/Chapdelaine)

Respectfully submitted,  
Raymond LaFlamme  
Town of Somers

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